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TAGS: CVIS UR US PFOR PINT SREF (GALICH, ALEKSANDR)

SUBJECT: SOVIET EXIT VISA CASE: ALEKSANDR GALICH

FOR EUR/SOV

REF: MOSCOW 14461

1. SOVIET WRITER-BALLADEER AND DEMOCRATIC ACTIVIST ALEKSANDR GALICH (GINZBURG) VISITED EMBASSY DECEMBER 26 TO DISCUSS WITH CONSOFFS HIS APPLICATION FOR SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION FOR VISIT TO US. HE WAS ADMITTED TO EMBASSY AFTER SHOWING "MILITIAMEN" POSTED OUTSIDE LETTER OF INVITATION FROM CONSOFF TO DISCUSS HIS CASE. GALICH STATED THAT ADMISSION FOLLOWED RELATIVELY BRIEF DELAY (TEN MINUTES) OUTSIDE MILITIA BOOTH AT CORNER FOR "CHECK OF DOCUMENTS."

2. GALICH INFORMED CONSOFFS THAT HIS APPLICATION FOR VISIT TO US WAS ACCEPTED BY MOSCOW OVIR OFFICE OCTOBER 26. HE SAID APPLICATION WAS MADE ON BASIS BRIEF LETTER OF INVITATION ("VYZOV") FROM DISTANT COUSIN, GEORGE GINSBURGS, 317 WEST 100TH STREET, APT 2R, NEW YORK CITY 10025. ACCORDING GALICH, IN ACCEPTING HIS APPLICATION OVIR AUTHORITIES MADE NO COMMENT

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OTHER THAN THAT DECISION WOULD REQUIRE "TWO TO THREE MONTHS."

GALICH ADDED THAT HE WISHES NO RPT NO PUBLICITY ON HIS APPLICATION AT LEAST UNTIL OVIR HAS HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO MADE DECISION.

3. GALICH EXPRESSED AWARENESS TO CONSOFFS THAT IF GRANTED EXIT PERMISSION, HE MIGHT NOT BE PERMITTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO RETURN TO USSR. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE IS APPLYING DEPART USSR "AS WRITER WHO CANNOT WRITE HERE, AND NOT BECAUSE OF NATIONALITY" (HE IS JEWISH). CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORT RECEIVED BY EMBASSY (REFTEL), GALICH STATED THAT HE NEVER APPLIED FOR EXIT PERMISSION TO ISRAEL.

4. GALICH'S REFERENCES TO OTHER EXIT VISA APPLICATIONS BY SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND FURTHER EMBASSY COMMENT ARE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE AIRGRAM.SOMMERLATTE

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